

COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL - CITY OF LODI
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1945

REGULAR MEETING - Beginning at 8:00 P.M. P.W.T. of Wednesday, February 21, 1945.
ROLL CALL - Councilmen Coffield, Riggs, Tolliver, Weihe and Rinn (Mayor), present, none absent.
ALSO ATTENDING - John A. Henning, Supt. Public Utilities, L. P. Singer, Asst. City Engineer, George D. Polenske, Fire Chief.
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - The minutes of the last meeting held February 7th were read, approved as read and so endorsed by the Mayor.
PUBLIC HEARINGS - This order was passed
COMMUNICATIONS-NOTICES-REPORTS -

Notice of defects in the roofing of Lodi Armory was received from the Adjutant General's Office and at the request of Assistant City Engineer Singer, laid over for consideration later in the meeting.

Notices of transfers of alcoholic beverage licenses at 112 N. Sacramento St and at 214 N. Cherokee Lane were received from the State Board of Equalization.

A recommendation from the City Planning Commission that the pedestrian lanes on Elm Street and on Pine Street from Sacramento Street to Main Street be plainly marked and that parking or storage of automobiles and trucks on these spaces be discontinued at once, was referred to the Chief of Police.

The report of Coates & Herfurth, consulting actuaries for the State Employees Retirement Association giving the estimated approximate contribution from the City of Lodi to that System for participation in the State system was received from the State Employees Retirement Association. Owing to the complexity of the figures constituting and supporting the estimate, the City Clerk was directed to ascertain if an actuary familiar with these matters could be present in Lodi and explain to the Council and to the Lodi City Employees Association the actual costs to the City and to individual employees.

Report of Leo F. Kidd, of an independent audit of the City's accounts for the two fiscal years preceeding June 30, 1944 was received and copies referred to the Councilmen for study.

Mayor Rinn and City Clerk Blakely reported briefly on the aims and objects of the County Supervisors Association and the League of California Cities in advocating the maintenance of state taxes at the level obtaining prior to 1943 as discussed in a meeting of the Central Valley Division of the League held February 15th.

In the absence of City Attorney Glenn West due to illness, the City Clerk reported that Mr. West had requested that he report to the City Council that judgement had been rendered in the suit of the City vs John E. Snyder and others quieting title to eight parcels of tax-sold property in favor of the City and that transactions for the sale of seven of these lots could now be completed.

Mayor Rinn stated that he had been served with a copy of the complaint in the suit of Herman S. Martin vs the City of Lodi arising out of the drowning of the latter's son Duane Martin at the Municipal Baths on July 12, 1944. In-as-much-as the claim filed in this case had been rejected by the Council on October 18, 1944 and ordered referred to the City's insurer, Home Indemnity Company, the Clerk was directed to notify the insurance company that the City had received this service of complaint, City Attorney Glenn West being already apprised of progress in this case.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS -

Ordinance No 307, entitled, " AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SAN JOAQUIN LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT BY ITS DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER, HIS AIDS AND ASSISTANTS, TO ENFORCE CERTAIN LOCAL ORDINANCES RELATING TO HEALTH AND SANITARY MATTERS IN THE CITY OF LODI, CALIFORNIA " having been regularly introduced on the 7th day of February, 1945, was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Coffield, Riggs second, second reading, after reading by title, omitted by unanimous consent, and then finally passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Coffield, Riggs, Tolliver, Weihe and Rinn

NOES: Councilmen, None.

ABSENT: Councilmen, None.

The Mayor then signed the foregoing Ordinance No 307 in approval thereof.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

The matter of the replacement of curbs, gutters and walks on the North-east corner of the intersection of Pine and School Streets now coming up for discussion, Marian Akerly, owner of the building affected by this work, appeared and argued further that her share of the cost of this work should be far less than the \$1,000 to which she had previously agreed, claiming that the present condition of these structures was due to faulty

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repairs made by the City in 1937. Mr L. P. Singer, Assistant City Engineer stated that he had no knowledge of the previous work but only of existing conditions and that a good job could not be performed without reconstruction of the entire structures. The matter was again laid over pending resurvey of the work by the City Engineering Department. In the mean time, the City Attorney and City Clerk were directed to prepare a Resolution of Intention for submission to the City Council in accordance with the provisions of the "Street Improvement Act of 1911" relating to the repair of dilapidated street structures.

Mr George D. Polenske, Mr Robert G. McLane and Mr John A. Miller of the City Employees Association presented a tabulation of salaries and wages now in effect in Lodi and in several other cities with a presentation of their request that certain wages be increased to the maximum allowed by Resolution No 1142, that a few changes be made in the maximum wage allowed by this resolution and that a blanket increase of \$25.00 be granted all employees. In order to determine the effect that the changes sought would have on City finances, the City Clerk was directed to compute a list embodying the changes sought, submit the same to the various department heads and, after they had indicated any changes that they deemed necessary in individual wages, place copies in the hands of the various Councilmen before the next meeting date.

As to the rental of the Westerly eighty feet of Lot 14, Map No 1 of Live Oak Colony, the Clerk was directed to obtain, if possible, bids for the season of 1945 and submit them at the next council meeting.

Messrs White and Singer of the City Engineering Department were requested to review the 1944 contract with Foster & Wood Canning Company for waste disposal and present recommendations for a similar contract for the 1945 season.

Business license applications submitted January 17th, having been approved for issuance by the Chief of Police, were ordered granted.

Applications for business licenses from Harold F. Broderick, Service Station, 131 N. Cherokee Lane, Ray H. Hauck, Service Station 100 N. Cherokee Lane, Mike Pasos, Restaurant, 8 N. Main St, George Steuros, Restaurant 23 N. Cherokee Lane, George Hanna, Painting Contractor, 356 E. Walnut St., and Fred Schooley, Electrical Contractor, Stockton were read and ordered referred to the Chief of Police in accordance with Section 9 of Ordinance No 277.


On written recommendation of Arvid O. Pauly, Director of Recreation, Eddie De Benedetti was appointed Play Ground Director-Athletic Specialist, at a salary of \$ 175.00 per month effective February 1, 1945. Probationary appointment.

The City Clerk was directed to certify to the Council as to the performance record of William J. Ninnis, Janitor of the City Hall whose probationary period expired December 31, 1944.

Judge J. C. Ferguson of the City Court being reported seriously ill in a Sacramento hospital, City Attorney West was directed to arrange for a legal method of handling affairs in that court until Judge Fergusons return to duty.

- At 10:55 o'clock P.M. the Council retired into executive session and the room cleared, so remaining until 12:15 o'clock P.M. of February 22, 1945 when adjournment was taken on motion of Councilman Weihe.

Attest:


J. F. BLAKELY, City Clerk.

The foregoing minutes of a regular meeting of the city council of the City of Lodi held on February 21, 1945 were read at a subsequent meeting of the City Council held March 7, 1945 and approved without correction


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LODI

March 7, 1945